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SUBJECT: BRITISH DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ON

US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. TICKELL HAS GIVEN US A COPY OF THE BRITISH DRAFT ENTITLED "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE" WHICH HE SAID BRITISH DELEGATION TO NATO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CIRCULATE AUGUST 9. (WE ASSUME THIS HAS BEEN DONE AND THAT USNATO WILL BE TRANSMITTING TEXT.)
- 2. TICKELL MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT THIS BRITISH EFFORT WHICH HE EMPHASIZED WAS AN ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE A POSITIVE EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE. BRITISH CONCEIVE OF EUROPEAN RESPONSE TAKING FORM OF TWO DECLARATIONS: ONE, EMANATING FROM NATO AND COVERING US-EUROPEAN DEFENSE ISSUES, AND A SECOND, EMANATING FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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BRITISH DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BY NATO MEMBERS HAS BEEN EXPRESSLY DESIGNED TO COVER SUCH COMMONLY AGREED GROUND THAT ALL 15 NATO MEMBERS INCLUDING FRANCE SHOULD FIND NO PROBLEMS IN SUBSCRIBING TO IT. THE DRAFT IS, TICKELL OBSERVED, A MATRIX TO WHICH COULD BE ADDED OTHER MATTERS NOT MENTIONED, BUT HE UNDERSCORED THAT BRITISH ARE ALIVE TO THE DANGERS OF BEING TOO SPECIFIC, E.G., MENTIONING BURDEN-SHARING, MBFR. TO DO SO MIGHT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR SOME ALLIANCE MEMBERS TO ADHERE TO IT.

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